

## **News Release**

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## Learn about Lewis and Clark in Snake River Country at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Lunchbag Awareness program

**Walla Walla, Wash.** – Many stories about the journey of Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery tell in detail of their adventure through the plains and their difficulty in getting over the Rocky Mountains. Few mention much about their experiences in what is now eastern Washington.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is offering a lunchbag presentation on their journey through this area on Aug. 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Walla Walla District Headquarters, 201 N. Third Avenue.

Jeanne Newton, a park ranger at Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, will tell what Lewis and Clark encountered and where they camped along the Snake River as they made their way to the ocean. Also of interest is the return journey, as the group traveled overland from the mouth of the Walla Walla River near Wallua Gap back to the Clearwater River in Idaho, on their way back to St. Louis.

Newton is a skilled storyteller and will bring some items that are representative of what the Corps of Discovery brought with them and what they collected during their journey through the area. The presentation is free, open to the public and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

The Corps has an extensive Speaker's Program and this presentation and others can be requested online at http://www.nww.usace.army.mil.

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